

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room 414/416, State Capitol
Monday, January 27, 2003**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair
Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair
Sen. Dave Thomas
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Ann W. Hardy
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. Joseph G. Murray
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Michael Waddoups
Rep. Jeff Alexander

STAFF PRESENT: Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst
Rachel Error, Committee Secretary

Chair Eastman called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, reviewed budget vocabulary. He explained how the budgets are laid out in the committee books.

National Guard

The Analyst presented the base budget recommendation for FY04. It includes the Revised Estimate for FY03 as approved by the Legislature as well as adjustments for FY03 one-time programs, net changes for Internal Service Fund rates, and annualized costs of across the board reductions. The recommended budget for FY04 is \$25,417,600.

The reorganization of the Veterans' program was discussed. This includes the transfer of the Veterans' affairs, the Veterans' cemetery, and the Veterans' Nursing Home to the National Guard.

For the National Guard Administration, the Analyst recommends \$500,100 for FY04. This includes salaries and benefits of 8 FTE positions.

The Armory Maintenance budget recommendation is \$21,249,700 for FY04. This includes salaries and benefits of 123 FTEs. The majority of the action of the state-funded part of the National Guard goes to this program.

The Analyst is recommending a FY04 budget for the Veterans' Affairs Program of \$179,900. This includes salaries and benefits of 1 FTE.

An appropriation of \$244,300 is recommended for the Veterans' Cemetery for FY04. This includes a complement of 5 FTEs.

The Analyst is recommending a FY04 appropriation of \$3,243,600 for the Veterans' Nursing Home. A one-time General Fund expenditure of \$132,600 was appropriated in the FY03 to provide for personnel and data processing equipment. The Analyst recommends making that appropriation ongoing for the one FTE if funds become available for FY04.

The funding history of the National Guard and the breakdown of the Federal Funding was discussed.

Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet, Utah National Guard, explained that the Utah National Guard is a 160 million dollar business for the state. He expressed concern that in this time of unprecedented mobilizations, the budget was being cut. He discussed the need to finish the transition of the Veterans' program into the National Guard. He requested that the one time money appropriated in FY03 be made permanent for use in employing a Veterans' Nursing Home Administrator. He expressed concern in regard to the armory maintenance budget and the under funding in the tuition assistance program. Every dollar cut by the state could cost the National Guard 3 matching federal dollars.

Maj. Gen. Tarbet responded to questions from committee members. He was assisted by Terry Schow, Director of Veterans' Affairs, Denis Yoggerst, and Col. Craig Morgan.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved that the committee tentatively recommend \$25,417,600 for FY04 and compile a list of priorities in the event that additional funds become available. The first items on this priority list are as follows:

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| 1. | Veterans' Nursing Home Administrator | \$115,000 |
| 2. | Armory Maintenance | \$168,100 |
| 3. | Tuition Assistance | \$120,000 |

The motion passed unanimously.

The Department of Environmental Quality

The Analyst presented a summary of the Department of Environmental Quality's budget. He is recommending a total appropriation of \$40,423,300 for FY04.

It is recommended that \$87,200 be appropriated from the Petroleum Storage Tank Expendable Trust Fund on a one-time basis to continue the cleanup of underground storage tanks not covered under the trust fund.

An appropriation of \$500,000 from the General Fund Restricted - Voluntary Cleanup Account is recommended to continue the voluntary cleanup account.

The Analyst recommends that \$4,152,500 be appropriated to the Executive Director office. This appropriation will fund 40.6 FTE positions.

An appropriation of \$8,102,500 is recommended for the Air Quality Division of the Department in FY04. This includes salaries and benefits for 104 FTEs. The following intent statement is recommended to be included with the appropriation:

It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended funds in the Air Operation Permit Program are non-lapsing and authorized for use in the Operating Permit Program in FY 2004 to reduce emission fees.

The Analyst recommends an appropriation of \$6,493,000 for the Response and Remediation Program for FY04 is recommended. This includes salaries and benefits for 76.4 FTEs.

An appropriation of \$2,583,400 for the Radiation Control Program for FY04. This appropriation includes the funding for the 29 FTE positions in this program.

An appropriation of \$9,233,600 is recommended for the Division of Water Quality. This will fund 67.25 FTEs. In addition, this Division is responsible for administration of the Water Quality Loan Fund recommended in FY04 at \$18,639,400. The following intent statement was included with the appropriation of the Water Quality Program for FY03 and is recommended to be included with the appropriation for FY04:

It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended Groundwater Permit Administration fees are non-lapsing and authorized for use in the Groundwater Permit Administration Program in the following fiscal year to reduce the fees charged.

It is recommended that \$3,521,900 be appropriated to the Drinking Water program. Currently 37 FTEs are employed in the program. This Division is also responsible to administer the Water Security Development - Drinking Water Loan Program recommended in FY04 at \$3,521,900.

The Analyst's budget recommendation for the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste for FY04 is \$6,336,400. The recommendation funds a FTE level of 68.25.

Federal funding was discussed as well as the fee schedule for the Department of Environmental Quality.

The Analyst responded to questions from committee members.

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Dianne Nielson, Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, and Brent Bradford, Deputy Director, responded to questions from committee members.

MOTION: Rep. Bush moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Eastman adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair

Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair